

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently Amended) A method for reporting an alert condition, comprising:
defining alert filter criteria;
identifying an alert condition;
analyzing one or more properties of the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, **wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:**

an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and

a severity level associated with the alert condition;

determining whether to report the alert condition, **the determination based at least in part on the analysis of the one or more properties of the alert condition;** and
selectively reporting the alert condition.

2. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein: ~~the one or more properties include~~

the alert condition is associated with an object; and

the alert filter criteria further comprises an importance level associated with the object. ~~, severity and urgency.~~

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition ~~includes~~ **comprises** identifying a potential alert condition.

4. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 1, wherein the **alert filter criteria further** ~~one or more properties include~~ **comprises** ~~a property representing~~ a level of risk associated with a potential alert condition.

5. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing a property representing an interest group associated with the alert condition.

6. (Original) The method of claim 1, further comprising analyzing a property representing a business process associated with the alert condition.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition ~~includes~~ **comprises**:

identifying a first object representing a first system component associated with the alert condition;

identifying a second object representing a second system component having a dependency relationship to the first system component; and

propagating a property of the second object to the first object.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The method of claim 1, wherein identifying an alert condition ~~includes~~ **comprises**:

identifying a first object representing a first system component associated with the alert condition;

identifying a second object representing a second system component having a containment relationship to the first system component; and

propagating a property of the first object to the second object.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A system for reporting an alert condition, comprising:
a filter criteria maintenance module for maintaining ~~filter~~ alert filter criteria;
an alert condition detector for identifying ~~an~~ a plurality of alert condition
conditions;

an alert condition filter for filtering at least one identified alert condition based on
the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:

an urgency level associated with an alert condition; and

a severity level associated with an alert condition;

and

an alert notification module for selectively reporting ~~the~~ at least one identified alert
condition.

10. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein:
at least one of the identified alert conditions is associated with an object; and
the alert filter criteria further comprises an ~~the alert condition detector assigns~~
importance level associated with the object. ~~severity and urgency properties associated~~
~~with the alert condition.~~

11. **(Original)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert detector identifies a
potential alert condition.

12. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein ~~the alert condition~~
~~detector assigns a~~ the alert filter criteria further comprises a level of risk property
associated with ~~the~~ a potential alert condition.

13. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition
filter analyzes a property representing an interest group associated with ~~the~~ an alert
condition.

14. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition
filter analyzes a property representing a business process associated with ~~the~~ an alert
condition.

15. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter ~~includes~~ **comprises** property propagation logic for propagating a property of a first object to a property of a second object based on a dependency relationship between the first and second objects.

16. **(Currently Amended)** The system of claim 9, wherein the alert condition filter ~~includes~~ **comprises** property propagation logic for propagating a property of a first object to a property of a second object based on a containment relationship between the first and second objects.

17. (Currently Amended) A system for reporting an alert condition, comprising:
means for maintaining ~~filter~~ alert filter criteria;
means for identifying ~~an~~ a plurality of alert condition conditions;
means for filtering at least one identified alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:
an urgency level associated with an alert condition; and
a severity level associated with an alert condition;
and
means for selectively reporting the at least one identified alert condition.

18. (Currently Amended) Logic embodied in a computer readable medium, the logic operable, when executed, to: ~~A computer-readable storage medium encoded with processing instructions for reporting an alert condition, including:~~
~~computer-readable instructions for defining~~ define alert filter criteria;
~~computer-readable instructions for identifying~~ identify an alert condition;
~~computer-readable instructions for analyzing~~ analyze one or more properties of the alert condition based on the alert filter criteria, wherein the alert filter criteria comprise:
an urgency level associated with the alert condition; and
a severity level associated with the alert condition;
~~computer-readable instructions for determining~~ determine whether to report the alert condition, the determination based at least in part on the analysis of the one or more properties of the alert condition; and
~~computer-readable instructions for selectively reporting~~ report the alert condition.